

Turbonilla coomansi, a new name for Turbonilla pusilla (C.B. Adams, 1850) non T. pusilla (Philippi, 1844) (Gastropoda Opisthobranchia, Pyramidellidae)

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Turbonilla coomansi nom. nov. is proposed for *Chemnitzia pusilla* C.B. Adams, 1850, non *C. pusilla* Philippi, 1844. Two earlier nomina nova appear to be homonyms.

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The well-known Caribbean pyramidellid *Turbonilla pusilla* (C.B. Adams, 1850) was originally described in the genus *Chemnitzia* d'Orbigny, 1840. Unfortunately the name *Chemnitzia pusilla* C.B. Adams, 1850, is a primary homonym of *C. pusilla* Philippi, 1844, one of the more common European species of *Turbonilla*. Because of this preoccupation, the replacement name *T. minor* was proposed by Bush in 1899. This name is used e.g. in the recent book by De Jong & Coomans (1988: 126).

However, the name *T. minor* Bush, 1899, is again preoccupied, viz. by *T. minor* Seguenza, 1876. Therefore Bush's name cannot be used. A second replacement name was proposed for *T. pusilla* (C.B. Adams, 1850), viz. *T. adamsi* Cossmann, 1912, which name is a primary homonym of *T. adamsi* Clessin, 1902, and thus cannot be used either.

The conclusion can only be that *T. pusilla* (C.B. Adams, 1850) is still in need of a new name, for which I propose *Turbonilla coomansi* after Dr. H.E. Coomans of the Zoölogisch Museum, Amsterdam.

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